
EMERGENCY SERVICES TELEPHONE SYSTEM

On November 25, 1991, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an ordinance to impose a monthly surcharge on local GTE telephone subscribers (set at \$.060 per month). Surcharge revenues were to recover the expenses associated with 911 emergency telephone service and to finance the implementation of an enhanced E-911 emergency communications system.

In addition this fund receives Wireless 9-1-1 Surcharge monies which are segregated and tracked separately. The Wireless Surcharge amount is set by the State Legislature and is currently at \$0.80 per month.

The Emergency Communications Center is developing an action plan to implement an enhanced 911 communications system (E-911). E-911 is the most advanced emergency communications system available. E-911 increases the speed and accuracy of emergency response by automatically identifying an emergency caller's address and telephone number.